Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for January 22 - January 26, 2024.

I hope everyone enjoyed their snow days last week and stayed warm.  The end of the second marking period and first semester is this Friday, January 26!  All assignments must be turned in and all reassessments must be completed by Friday.  Please make sure you are monitoring your grades, turning in your missing assignments, and making sure to take every opportunity for re-assessments.  Let’s finish the first half of the school year strong!

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 29th.  This is a professional day for staff.

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PTSA Winter Social

The PTSA is excited to share that the Winter Social is on **Friday, Feb 2, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. This event is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. There's a variety of activities for your kids to enjoy:

🏀 **Open Gym Fun:** Students will unleash their energy with friendly sports activities.

📚 **Media Center Oasis:** For those who prefer a quieter setting, the media center is open for reading and playing board games with friends.

🎧 **Dance Extravaganza:** Ready to groove? Join the dance floor and sway to the beats of our fantastic DJ.

Whether your child loves sports, enjoys quiet activities, or is a dance enthusiast, we've got it all covered. \*Pizza, Snacks and water will be served.

The Winter Social committee is looking for chaperones and food donations. If you are interested in helping, please click on the links below.

Chaperoning: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-winter#/](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-winter%23%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cf581c0445ce54bc48e3b08dc19318445%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638412947680126056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uhbLtMDjcBW%2BAU5mRUwwhTX%2FyFDiaeHM5D1dxR%2FCLcc%3D&reserved=0)

Food Donations: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-47238427-food](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F10C0C4FAEAE2EA0F8CF8-47238427-food&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cf581c0445ce54bc48e3b08dc19318445%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638412947680143358%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X6MD5b7qvvDNLTTVmLDr%2FL3qcRp1bDfgVqUcI9fvzis%3D&reserved=0)

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**Drama Production Update**

Per parent requests, numerous snow days, and the loss of practice time, our show days have changed again.  The first Friday cast will be performing on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm.  The second Friday cast will be performing on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm.  Next week, the first Friday cast will be practicing on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Thursday, January 25, 2024.  The second cast will be practicing the following week - Tuesday, January 30 - Thursday, February 01, 2024.  We hope to see you then!

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**Poolesville HS 8th grade Informational Meeting**

Attention 8th grade families.  There will be a high school informational meeting for all incoming 9th grade families on February 1 at 6:30 pm.

**JPMS 8th Grade Parent Night**

**Poolesville High School Informational Meeting for the Class of 2028**

**February 1st at 6:30 P.M.**

**Virtual - The webinar link will be emailed out at a later date.**

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**YEARBOOK NEWS:**

If you are planning to purchase a 2024 yearbook for your student, please consider purchasing now. Buying early helps us better estimate how many yearbooks to order for the entire school and helps ensure that everybody who wants one is able to purchase one and we don't run out. We will be placing our school yearbook order with our vendor soon, so please don't delay.

If you are not sure if you have already purchased for 2024, please drop Mrs. Kavanagh a note at [karen\_c\_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org](mailto:karen_c_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org) to check before ordering.

The deadline for personalization (January 26th!) is also fast approaching. Order today at Jostens.com!

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Please continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclassroom.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C45a0e2331b7e454bb53b08dc1ad93926%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638414767471888390%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t6ujS2PjMjFoDEJQj%2BbVpqG1mVSM7oSnCSre7M03rjA%3D&reserved=0) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C45a0e2331b7e454bb53b08dc1ad93926%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638414767471897662%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gyUP2MHI%2BwhJqSnlwTJPvlxp14xnngwOUfSOlCG6RmM%3D&reserved=0) for the most updated information, including upcoming events, bus routes, and other happenings occurring at school.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Tuesday, January 23 - Basketball vs. Kingsview.  Girls are home, Boys are at Kingsview MS

Friday, January 26 - End of 2nd Marking Period

Monday, January 29 - NO SCHOOL for students.  Professional Day for staff.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green